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TAGS: ETRD, EEC

REF: LONDON 07761

SUBJECT: EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY: REVERSE PREFERENCES

1. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD INFORM BRITISH THAT WE REITERATED PER PARA 2 US CONCERN OVER REVERSE PREFERENCES TO GERMANS DURING RECENT ROHWEDDER VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. AT JUNE 29 MEETING WITH ROHWEDDER, AT WHICH STEEG AND ABEL WERE PRESENT, UNDER SECRETARY CASEY THANKED THE GERMANS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE EC REVERSE PREFERENCES AND REITERATED US OPPOSITION TO THE "FREE TRADE AREA" APPROACH FAVORED BY THE COMMISSION BECAUSE IT WOULD PERMIT THE CONTINUATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES. THE COMMISSION APPROACH WOULD INVOLVE LENGTHY AND POSSIBLY FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL LDC'S IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE REVERSE PREFERENCES. HE ADDED THAT THE REVERSE PREFERENCES ISSUE WAS POLITICALLY IMPORTANT IN THE US AND THAT FAILURE TO DEAL WITH IT COULD RESULT IN UNDESIRABLE NORTH-SOUTH BLOCS- IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE GERMANS ON THE GATT ASPECTS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RENNER RECALLED THAT THE US HAD INDICATED PREVIOUSLY THAT IF REVERSE PREFERENCES WERE CLEARLY ELIMINATED AND IF US CONCERNS ON SPECIAL PREFERENCES ON PRODUCTS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY THE US WOULD BE PRAGMATIC ABOUT A GATT SOLUTION. HE MADE REFERENCES TO

THE LAST TWO OF THE FIVE POINTS MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY CASEY TO SOAMES IN THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS OF MARCH 1973; I.E. THE GATT ASPECT AND THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PREFERENCES.

3. FOR OTHER ACTION POSTS: YOU MAY DRAW ON POINTS IN PARA 2 IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IF YOU FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN STRENGTHENING HOST GOVT. RESISTANCE TO COMMISSION AND FRENCH POSITION ON REVERSE PREFERENCES. RUSH

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